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1. FOREIGN MINISTER RODIRGUEZ PORTH TELLS ME THAT
VISIT OF COSTA RICAN FONMIN WENT WELL, THAT PRESIDENT
ROMERO RESPONDED THAT HE IS ALWAYS READY MEET WITH HIS
CENTRAL AMERICAN COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON
CONCERN, AND THAT EL SALVADOR BELIEVES AND STATED THAT PRESIDENT
SOMOZA SHOULD NATURALLY BE PRESENT AT ANY SUCH MEETING.

2. FONMIN SEES SOME PRACTICAL PROBLEMS ATTACHING TO
CHOICE OF SITE FOR THIS PARTICULAR CENTRAL AMERICAN
SUMMIT. MANAGUA IS RULED OUT ON GROUNDS OF SUBJECT
MATTER BEING TREATED. SAN SALVADOR WOULD POSE PROBLEMS
IN TERMS OF HONDURAN ATTENDANCE. TEGUCIGALPA WOULD POSE
PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF SALVADORAN ATTENDANCE. SAN JOSE,
APPARENTLY LOGICAL SITE, MIGHT WELL BE REJECTED BY SOMOZA

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ON GROUNDS OF HIS RESENTFUL BELIEF THAT COSTA RICA PERMITS
USE OF ITS TERRITORY AS FSLN LAUNCHING BASE AGAINST
NICARAGUA. FONMIN THUS COMES DOWN TO GUATEMALA AS
POSSIBLY MOST LOGICAL SITE, BUT HAD AS YET NO REPORT ON
RESULTS OF COSTA RICA FONMIN VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY.

3. AS ADDITIONAL OBSERVATION, FONMIN WONDERED HOW

SOMOZA WOULD REACT TO THIS OVER-ALL CONCEPT. HE SAID THAT HE KNOWS SOMOZA AND IS AWARE OF LATTER'S FEELING THAT HE HAS INHERITED CERTAIN FAMILY TRADITION AND RESPONSIBILITY WHICH IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM LIGHTLY TO LAY ASIDE.

4. FONMIN ALSO NOTED CONFLICT BETWEEN MFM PROPOSAL OF VENEZUELA AND CENTRAL AMERICAN SUMMIT PROPOSAL OF PRESIDENT CARAZO.
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